

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, January 1877, with transcript

Letter from Miss Mabel Hubbard to Mr. Alexander Graham Bell. January, 1877 My dear Alec:

I received yours of January 9th. and December 10th. 1877 this morning. It is quite pleasant to know a whole year before hand how you will feel next December!

I am sorry if my letter aroused much thought as you expressed. Of course if you really can't go to Chicago or any where else, you can't, and I don't propose your doing so. I thought some arrangement might be made so you could go, that was all. I hope however the cut pouring did you good. It seems to no people always feel better after imparting all their gloomy thoughts to some one else. Do not fear to tell me just what you think and feel. I should be sorry to think you forced yourself to write bright letters when you felt just the reverse.

I received the second proofs last night, read them, and then bound them up with the first and they are now safely on their way to your father's. You mentioned his name often, will they serve a subpoena on him, and on Mr. Sanders? I don't think they, either of them, would be delighted at such summons. Papa's testimony I hope was satisfactory. Who is the Mr. Poynton Mamma speaks of? Please thank Mamma for her letter I would write but I am in a hurry to help with my new dress which is to be ready for me this evening. It is real pretty, I think.

Auntie and I went up to Aunt Ellen's this afternoon she is still unwell, but was going out sleighriding. The sleighing is splendid, and the cars are filled with boys bound skates in hand for Central Park pond. The weather too is just right neither cold nor wars.

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I am so glad your new apparatus is a success Mamma told us about it too. I think you perceive I have little of interest to say. Grandpa is not very well, the rest of us are about as usual. I want to see you again extremely but on quite content to wait so long as it is for your 2 interest to stay. I only feel rather disturbed about Cousin Mary I gave her to understand I should probably be in Cambridge this week. Sadie Choate has written to me that she is coming on pretty soon.

Goodbye, I will try and have a more interesting letter for four next time. Today my thoughts are principally centered in my beautiful new dress. Tell Mamma there is little fear but that I will take care of it, I have had too sad an experience making it to be careless.

With very much love to my darling, Alec, Mamma and Papa, Ever, May.